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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABIDJAN 0629

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFDF, EAID, MZ, AFDB

SUBJECT: AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND JAN 24 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. AFDF MANAGEMENT PROPOSES 500 THOUSAND FUND UNIT OF ACCOUNT (FUA EQUAL TO US \$1.11) LOAN TO GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE TO FINANCE COST OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF PEQUENOS LIBOMBOS IRRIGATION PROJECT. THE PROPOSED STUDY WOULD CONSIDER AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF 10,000 HA. OF LAND IN EMBELUZI RIVER VALLEY.

2. THE DOCUMENT DESCRIBING THE PROPOSED LOAN WAS DISTRIBUTED ON JAN. 12. UNDER THREE WEEK RULE, IT IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE JAN. 24 AFDF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND THEREFORE IT DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA. U.S. ALTERNATE DIRECTOR (USED) HAS LEARNED THAT DIRECTOR REPRESENTING MOZAMBIQUE (L. MFULA OF ZAMBIA) INTENDS TO PUSH FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AT JAN. 24 MEETING. TWO BOARD MEMBERS HAVE ADVISED USED THAT THEY WILL OBJECT TO WAIVER OF THREE WEEK RULE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF SIZE OF LOAN AND OF CLEAR AND CONCISE NATURE OF DOCUMENT SUPPORTING LOAN, MAJORITY OF BOARD COULD POSSIBLY CHOOSE TO ACCOMMODATE MFULA.

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(AFDB PRESIDENT FORDWOR HAS ADVISED USED THAT HE WILL OF NECESSITY ENTERTAIN MFULA'S MOTION).

3. IT WOULD SEEM TO BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE FOR USED TO OBJECT TO CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT AT JANUARY SESSION, ONLY TO VOTE AGAINST

IT AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE BOARD. THEREFORE, PROPOSE THAT

U.S. NOT COMMENT IF MOTION IS INTRODUCED TO CONSIDER LOAN AT JANUARY SESSION. IF LOAN IS SUBSEQUENTLY BROUGHT TO A VOTE, USED COULD THEN CAST OBLIGATORY "NO" VOTE. PLEASE INSTRUCT.

(NOTE: USED IS ALSO SEEKING TO HAVE MOZAMBIQUE STUDY FUNDED UNDER ONE OF THE AFDB BILATERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS, AS IS THE NORMAL PRACTICE FOR LOANS OF THIS NATURE. CANADIAN DIRECTOR HAS AGREED TO INTRODUCE THIS SUGGESTION IF LOAN IS DISCUSSED).

4. IN OTHER MATTER, FORDWOR HAS AGREED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO POSTPONEMENT OF ZAIRE PALM OIL LOAN. HOWEVER, HE HAS ASKED THAT USED REQUEST POSTPONEMENT IN JAN. 24 BOARD MEETING WHICH USED HAS AGREED TO DO. THREE OTHER DIRECTORS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL SUPPORT U.S. MOTION. THIS DEGREE OF SUPPORT COMBINED WITH FORDWOR'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT U.S. MOTION WILL CERTAINLY BE SUFFICIENT TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION.

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